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# The Southern Ute Drum

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MENATL HEALTH MONTH

## Do you know what mental illness feels like?

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

So often, clinical terms don't do justice to what life with a mental illness really feels like. We know that two people with the same diagnosis can experience the same symptom and describe it in very different ways. Understanding the signs of a mental illness and identifying how it can feel can be confusing – and sometimes can contribute to ongoing silence or hesitation to get help.

It's important for people to talk about how it feels to live with a mental illness. We know that mental illnesses are common and treatable, and help is available. But not everyone knows what to look for when they are going through those early stages, and many simply experience symptoms differently.

We all need to speak up early – Before Stage 4 – and in real, relatable terms so that people do not feel isolated and alone.

This May is Mental Health Month; The Southern Ute Health Center's Behavioral Health Department is raising awareness of the importance of speaking up about mental health, and asking individuals to share what life with a mental illness feels like by tagging social media posts with #mentalillness-feelslike. Posting with this hashtag is a way to speak up, to share your point of view with people who may be struggling to explain what they are going through – and to help others figure out if they too are showing signs of a mental illness.

Life with a mental illness is meant to help remove the shame and stigma of speaking out, so that

more people can be comfortable coming out of the shadows and seeking the help they need. Whether you are in Stage 1 and just learning about those early symptoms, or are dealing with what it means to be in Stage 4, sharing how it feels can be part of your recovery.

SUHC Behavioral Health Department wants everyone to know that mental illnesses are real, that recovery is always the goal, and that the best prospects for recovery come when we act early in the process, Before Stage 4 (B4Stage4).

Addressing mental illnesses B4Stage4 means more than burying feelings and refusing to talk about them, and waiting for symptoms to clear up on their own. B4Stage4 means more than wishing

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Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Sky Ute Casino Resort Executive Chef, Bill Barbone shows Tribal Council and Executive Office the kitchen facilities in the casino during a tour on Tuesday, May 10.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

## Council tours casino kitchens

*By Sacha Smith*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

At the last General Meeting hosted by Tribal Council on Friday, April 29 tribal members voiced concerns about a number of things they think the tribe can be doing better. A few of those concerns had to do with the casino restaurants.

During a tour on Tuesday, May 10 Executive Chef Bill Barbone and General Manager Charley Flagg showed Tribal Council what the kitchens look like, the products used and the appliances used to prepare the food.

It's important to note that complaints – critiques – are very common in the restaurant business. Barbone and Flagg, said they hear feedback all the time and have taken steps to make things better.

For instance, wait times are often a top concern, especially amongst customers that have a limited

lunch hour. To help combat the long waits, Barbone redesigned Willows Cafe & Bistro lunch menu so it's simpler and faster to get out, Flagg said. The Casino has also invested in new equipment that helps cook food faster.

One new edition to the Rolling Thunder Grill is a machine that can cook up to seven- fresh-8oz burgers in 120 seconds. No more pre-cooked burgers sitting in au jus, Barbone said. He hopes to buy the same machine for the Shining Mountain Grill.

Also, Barbone has heard concerns about wait staff not being on the floor to help customers. He said they have a new system that has been place for the last two-and-a-half weeks that helps keep more servers on the floor.

"Now cooks cook and servers serve," Barbone said.

Another common question tribal members ask is

why there isn't much Native Cuisine to choose from. Barbone said that is a work in progress and the casino plans to continue adding Native foods to the menus.

The casino has also just hired a Native American baker that focuses on Native desserts, Barbone said. So customers should be seeing those added in the near future.

Cleanliness was not a complaint heard at the general meeting and it became apparent why it wasn't once Barbone explained the time and money spent on keeping the kitchens clean.

"There is a crew that comes in at 9 p.m. to steam clean all the kitchens, nightly," he said. "Twice a month we have the hoods (of the stoves) cleaned ... no one cleans as much as we do."

The casino also laid some rumors to rest about the use of powdered eggs, and food

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TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

## General Meeting recap

*By Sacha Smith*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council held a General Meeting for the tribal membership on Friday, April 29 to discuss updates within the tribe and to hear questions and concerns from tribal members. Along with Tribal Council, the Growth Fund, Permanent Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort all presented information to the membership.

PERMANENT FUND

Acting Chief Financial Officer, David Gullickson gave an update on the Permanent Fund's finances. "We want to ensure you we invest wisely, and we do ... the tribe has set things aside to position the tribe well," Gullickson said about the Permanent Fund's investments. "When I tell you the Permanent Fund is healthy, it is. But that doesn't mean we are not susceptible to the market."

Gullickson also said that the tribe has the highest credit rating you can get in the world, and that's just the Permanent Fund, not including the Growth Fund.

Also presenting from the Permanent Fund was acting Tribal Health Director, Kaylor Shemberger. He used his time to talk to the membership about tribal member health benefits and services the department provides.

"We are trying to improve on our support to tribal members," he said.

He mentioned the department has received \$80,000 worth of funding for breast cancer and cervical cancer screening. The Shining Mountain

Health and Wellness Program also had a five-year diabetes grant renewed.

Shemberger said, tribal members have accessed the tribes medical insurance in 48 states and is aware that timeliness of claims has been an issue.

To help with the claims, Tribal Health is looking for a new third party program, which better emulates the tribal employee insurance, he said.

The Health Department is also working on limiting the number of health cards tribal members need. The plan is to consolidate it down to only one card that can be used for health insurance and pharmacy purposes.

Tribal member's expressed concerns about hours of operation and the high turnover of clinic staff. Shemberger said clinic hours are also being reviewed with a possibility of extending hours of operation.

"Continuity is the way to better health," Shemberger said about the need to hire and retain employees.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The casino discussed finances and marketing of the casino. The casino is now hosting more conferences, banquets and events, Chief Financial Officer, Christine Hudgens said. Coming up the casino will be hosting the Indian Motorcycle Rendezvous on June 9-11.

She also recapped on all the conferences hosted at the casino the past year including the American Indian Alaskan Native Tourism Association Conference, and the National Native American Purchasing Association

Conference.

Tribal members voiced concerns about casino food, smoking rooms and slot machines.

Some tribal members think the food could be better, and service at the restaurants could improve. As far as smoking rooms in the hotel, General Manager Charley Flagg said they have cut down the number of smoking rooms last fall.

A few elders voiced concerns about the amount of noise the machines make. Flagg, said he had the sound turned down on machines before so he will look into it again.

Flagg also updated the tribe on the hiring of the General Manager Apprentice, tribal member Krista Red, who will be taking over his position in the next few years.

SUCCM

Tribal Council presented information to the membership about the dissolution of the museum at the meeting.

Last Friday, May 6 was the official date of the dissolution. Tribal member, Linda Baker is the Museum Transition Representative and is in charge of the inventory and intake.

Tribal Council also said that it is the choice of the loaners to leave or take back their items, but they wanted to assure tribal members that the items are stored safely and the staff is qualified. Council also mentioned that the National Museum of American Indians and other entities are willing to provide items on loan to the tribe's museum.

GROWTH FUND

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SUCCM

## The 'Mountain Lion!' exhibit comes to Museum

*By Robert L. Ortiz*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) is in the midst of a transition and tribal member Linda Baker, museum transition representative, and her crew have been hard at work getting an exhibit prepared in time for Bear Dance and Memorial weekend.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council will be the first to

*Mtn. Lion! page 3*



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Museum Transition Representative, Linda Baker and interns from Fort Lewis College, maneuver one of the life-size renditions of a big cat into location where it will be displayed as part of the "Mountain Lion" exhibit at the museum.

SUCCM

## Tribe and Museum finalize transition of the Museum

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On Friday, May 6, 2016, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum ("SUCCM") officially dissolved as a nonprofit corporation and transferred its remaining assets to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. To carry on its mission, the

Tribe will directly oversee the Museum's operation.

The Tribe is seeking more information about the items that individuals have loaned to the Museum and would like lenders to contact the Tribe's Museum Transition Representative, Linda Baker, at 970-563-0100, to discuss your items and the paperwork on file

with SUCCM. Contacting the Tribe is also a chance for you to find out about your item(s), ask any questions, or clarify the status of your item(s).

Please contact Linda Baker to discuss your items that you may have after May 23, 2016 at 970-563-0100, ext. 2431 or lbaker@southernute-nsn.gov.





VETERANS AFFAIRS

Tips for distance-eligible veterans

By Richard S. Schleeter  
LA PLATA COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICES

There are several steps recommended that you take before requesting a doctor's services through the Veterans Choice Program:

Check on the VA website: [www.va.gov/opa/apps/locator/](http://www.va.gov/opa/apps/locator/) for doctors in your area that provide the services you are looking for. If a doctor you are already seeing or want to see isn't listed on the website, call that doctor's office to see if he/she participates in the Choice Program or is a PC3 provider. If not, would he/she be willing to sign up and participate?

Once you have a doctor selected, call that doctor's office and schedule an appointment to see the doctor (at least 2 to 3 weeks out). Let them know that a Choice representative will be calling them to set up an appointment and ask the doctor's office to give the Choice representative the appointment time and date you have already scheduled.

Things you should do when you are requesting a doctor's services through the Veterans Choice Program: When talking to the Choice representative, let them know you want to see a particular doctor and the date when you are available to see the doctor. Before you hang up, be sure to ask for the authorization number that is going to be assigned. Tell them that you know it is not yet authorized but that you want the number so that when you call back to check on the progress of getting the authorization completed, you have the authorization number and they can quickly find the file in the system.

Things you should do while waiting for authorization and the appointment to be made: Call Choice every

couple of days to get a status report as to where it stands in getting authorization and the appointment scheduled. You may have to provide them with information several times to get it completed.

**Things you should do once you have seen your doctor and additional services are needed:**

If your doctor has to refer you to another doctor or if you need services that cannot be completed in his/her office, your doctor will have to ask for these additional services to be approved through the Veterans Choice Program administrator, Tri-West. The required form for requesting the additional services may be found on Tri-West website. Your doctor will then fax his/her request to Tri-West. Ask your doctor or his/her staff when the fax will go out. Call your doctor's office the day after you were told it would be faxed to see if it was. At that time, ask the person you are talking to for the fax number that was used to send the request. Then wait for 3 to 4 business days from the time it was sent to call Veterans Choice and ask if they have the request. If they can't find the fax, provide them with the fax phone number that the request was sent from so they can trace that fax in their system. Once the representative finds the fax, ask for the fax identification number so that it may be located more easily at a later date. You may have to do this procedure one or more times, including asking the doctor's office to send the fax again. Once Tri-West has the faxed request in hand, ask that it is processed right then to move forward for authorization. Again ask for the authorization number.

**Things you can do to help your doctor in ob-**

**taining approval for additional services:**

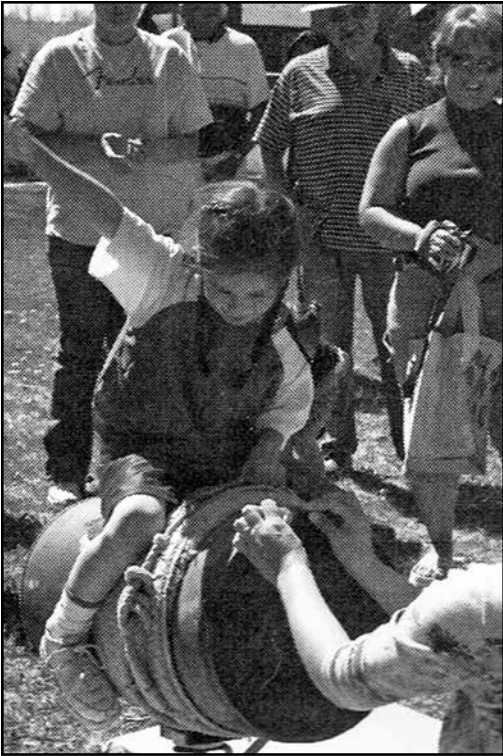
Call the person in your doctor's office that handles the Veterans Choice Program and let them know the following: Once your doctor's office faxes the request for additional services to Tri-West, the doctor's office representative, after 3 or 4 business days have elapsed, can call the Veterans Choice Program telephone number (866-606-8198) and ask if their fax was received and if so, has the authorization process begun. If the Veterans Choice representative says he/she can't find the fax in the system, the doctor's office staff member should provide the Choice representative with the fax number from which the fax was sent and ask the representative to trace the fax in their system.

Once it is located, the doctor's office representative should ask the Choice representative to start the authorization process and if possible put it through the expedited process. Once the Choice representative has completed the initial processing, the doctor's office representative should ask for the authorization number that the system generated so the doctor's office can use it in any future communications that may be necessary with the Veterans Choice Program.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office is co-located with the Durango VA Clinic at 1970 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Durango, CO. 81301. For clinic appointments, call 970-247-2214. The Veterans Service Office phone number is 970-759-0117. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call 970-382-6150 to schedule an appointment with the Veterans Service Office.



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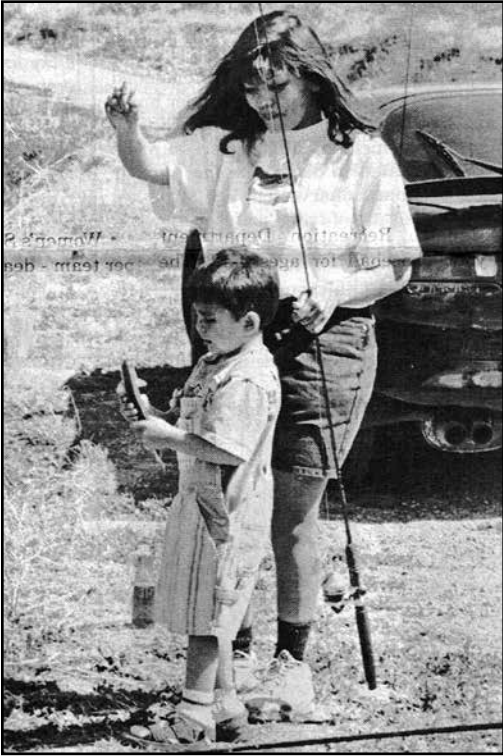


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Head Start Field day was on a beautiful Wednesday, May 3 at the Southern Ute Park. The event was complete with food and a live band. Events included an obstacle course, a rodeo and a fake horse race with the students being the jockey's. Pictured are Bird Red taking his bull for a ride. Ryder rode the full eight seconds and then some with his daddy cheering him on nearby.

This photo first appeared in the May 12, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Mom, help me! Cindy Rael and son Roger, Jr. take advantage of the free fishing during the tribal employee, member appreciation day held Saturday May 4, 1996 at Lake Capote.

This photo first appeared in the May 10, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Color guard at LPEA meeting



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted this year's La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Annual Meeting Saturday, May 7. Southern Ute Veterans Association served as the color guard for the event. Tribal elder, Eddie Box Jr. provided the blessing for the meeting. Howard Richard Sr., Ronnie Baker and Bruce LeClaire, bring in the flags during the opening of the annual meeting.

GENERAL MEETING RECAP • FROM PAGE 1

All the Growth Fund companies were scheduled to present, but due to time restraints outgoing Operating Director Bob Zahradnik, CFO Darrell Owen and Executive Director Bruce Valdez provided only a condensed version of a four-hour presentation.

Tribal member's main concerns were focused on the low oil and gas prices and how that will affect the tribe.

Zahradnik said that this early in the year it's hard to predict the exact impact.

According to CNN Money, oil prices plunged to a 13-year low of \$26.05 a barrel in February 2016; which proved to be a troubling month for the Growth Fund as well.

"Every business has bad times that's how capitalism works," Zahradnik said.

Some predications indicate that oil prices could be back up to \$60 a barrel by the end of the year, but no one can be sure, Zahradnik said.

"There are always booms and busts, it's just the oil business," he said.

Valdez agreed with Zahradnik and reiterated to the membership that they do not know where oil prices will end up.

"We've seen recovery start to happen and we think we've seen the bottom," Valdez said. "With the good there are risks, and this is what we have to navigate through."

Tribal Council will host another General Meeting this summer as new information becomes available.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

86 Kindergarten, Joyce Williams received her certificate from SUCAP Director, Sheila Rogers and Councilwoman Vida Peabody.

This photo first appeared in the May 16, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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Southern Ute Culture Department





Bear Dance kicks off in Randlett



photos courtesy Jon Chavarillo

The Randlett Ute Bear Dance hosted the first Bear Dance of the spring, May 6-9. The next Bear Dance on the schedule will be the Northern Ute Bear Dance in Ft. Duchesne, UT May 20-23.

The bad weather and mud couldn't stop the dance; on Sunday, May 8 the dance was moved inside the Ft. Duchesne gym.



MOUNTAIN LION EXHIBIT • FROM PAGE 1

see the new "soft exhibit" as they tour the "Mountain Lion!" traveling exhibit on Friday, May 20; the exhibit will open to the general public on Saturday, May 21.

The exhibit has been to Anaheim, Calif., the Museum of Arizona in Flagstaff, the Anasazi Indian Center in Dolores, and now the exhibit will rest it's paws in the Temporary Gallery, that houses changing exhibits, at the SUCCM.

The tribe helped in the initial development of the exhibit with funding and by providing information on the relationship between Native Americans and the mountain lion.

The exhibit was transported by truck from Fort Lewis College in Durango to the museum. Artifacts, pop art, replica skulls, life-size cats and various other items will be on display as part of the family-oriented educational exhibit.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Fort Lewis interns help catalog pop culture items and artifacts that will be on display in the "Mountain Lion!" exhibit slated to be open to the public Saturday May 21 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

ROYALTY

Committee seeking future Southern Ute royalty

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The past few years the Southern Ute Royalty pageants have seen low contestant turnout. In hopes to turn that around, the Southern Ute Royalty Committee is hosting royalty workshops leading up to the pageant.

"The purpose [of the workshops] is to get young people interested," Twyla Blackbird, Royalty Committee chairwoman said.

The committee is offering these workshops to help educate young royalty hopefuls on what being Southern Ute royalty entails, Blackbird said.

The first workshop was held Tuesday, May 3 and served as a meet-and-greet for tribal member families and the committee.

Royalty Committee members – past royalty, one tribal elder and tribal member – took the opportunity to explain what being a member of Southern Ute royalty means to them and the responsibility that comes along with it.

"There is a Code of Ethics ... you have read them and adhere to them, it's not hard to do it's just conduct and something to really focus on," Leonora Burch, committee secretary and treasurer said.

Tribal elder on the board, Joycelyn Dutchie said that it is all about respect.

"How you represent yourself is how you get known out there ... it all has to do with respect," she said.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Royalty Committee Chairwoman, Twyla Blackbird talks about her time serving as Miss Southern Ute during a Royalty Workshop held on Tuesday, May 3 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Blackbird said the title is about so much more than just going to powwows. Blackbird recalled giving speeches, traveling around the country and being a role model to younger tribal members during her reign as Miss Southern Ute.

"I wish young girls and boys could experience what I did," Blackbird said. "You not only represent [yourself] you represent the Ute people, more than just Southern Ute."

The remaining workshops include: "Ute Style Dress/Powwow Protocol"; "Public Speaking"; "Ute History" and "Leadership". The committee has also lined up past royalty members to help teach the workshops.

"Bring a friend, boy or girl ... it's a growing experience," Blackbird said.

The "Ute Style Dress/Powwow Protocol" workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 6 -7 p.m.

Miss Southern Ute Royalty Committee Presents:

2016 Royalty Workshops

May 17, 6-7 p.m. - Ute Style Dress- Attire & Dance- Powwow Protocol

June 21, 6-7 p.m. - Public Speaking

July 19, 6-7 p.m. - Ute History

August 16, 6-7 p.m. - Leadership



To be held in the large classroom at the Museum

These classes are to get those Tribal Members that are interested in trying out for Little Miss Southern Ute, Junior Miss Southern Ute, Miss Southern Ute and the Southern Ute Brave familiar with different aspects of being apart of the Southern Ute Royalty.

CULTURAL UPDATE

Culture Camp Cook Needed

The Culture Department is looking for 2 cooks to prepare meals from June 6 – June 9 for the Southern Ute Culture Camp. If you are interested please contact Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

Powwow dancers needed

- **Event #1:** Employee Appreciation Day – June 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.
- **Event #2:** Indian Motorcycle Riders Group – June 10 starting at 8 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. For more information on these events Please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- May 14, 21, 28

Monthly Beading Challenge

Each month the Cultural Dept. will offer a monthly beadwork challenge. The challenge is open to all bead workers. The winner will be selected by the Elders at the Elder Luncheon. If you have any questions please call the Cultural Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620. Be on the look out for our flyers with information and template of the each bead challenge design.

- May 20 – Beaded Floral

Tribal Elder Events

Tribal Elder Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. ( Limit 15 participates)

- May: 17, 24 – Wreath Making
- May 18, 19 – Moccasin Class
- May 25, 26 – Make-up session/Moccasin

96th Annual SU Tribal Fair Theme And Art Work Contest

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2016 Logo and Theme Contest for the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All Medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Dept. OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2016 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept. PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 OR Contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

2016 CULTURE CAMP  
JUNE 6 - 9

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be offering a FREE camp to Southern Ute Tribal Members. There will be activities which will include many fun projects, field trips and presentations.

Day camp will be offered to ages 6-10 years, limited space is 15 kids. Camp will be June 6th to the 8th. Children will need to be dropped off at the Southern Ute Museum at 8:30AM and bused to the Culture Camp site and bused back to the Museum for pick up at 5PM by the legal guardian.

Over night campers will be offered to ages 11-17 years, limited space is 20 kids. Camp will be June 6th retuning on June 9th at 12PM.

The deadline to register will be Tuesday, May 31st at 5PM. Registration Packets can be picked up at the Culture Department which is located on the 2nd floor in the Southern Ute Museum.

There will be a Parent/Participant meeting on Thursday June 2nd at 5:30PM in the large classroom located on the first floor at the Southern Ute Museum.

For more information please contact Tara Vigil or Darlene Frost at the Culture Department, 563-0100.







courtesy Jillian Velasquez

Peaceful Spirit's aftercare program, Healing Spirits sponsored an Alcohol Awareness Walk on Saturday, April 30. The walk began and ended at Ute Park.

PEACEFUL SPIRIT

Healing Spirits: What you need to know

Staff report  
HEALING SPIRITS

What is Healing Spirits? Who can be a member of Healing Spirits? What does Healing Spirits do?

Healing Spirits is an after-care recovery group of the Peaceful Spirit Treatment Center. Currently, Peaceful Spirit is comprised of a 60-day residential treatment program, an outpatient program and a substance-monitoring program. The mission of Peaceful Spirit is to provide care and education to those struggling with addiction issues, to promote the dignity of each client while supporting healthy lifestyles and to create a community dedicated to sobriety and recovery. Peaceful Spirit is one of several programs within the Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. (SUCAP). SUCAP will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

People are generally referred to Peaceful Spirit only when an addictive relationship to alcohol and/or drugs develops. Thus, the main purpose of the 60-day intensive residential treatment program is to educate people and provide them with skills to change their behavior. This is much easier said than done. The recovery process is multi-layered and is known to reveal underlying behaviors that have developed or been reinforced due to alcohol and/or drugs.

Because the journey of recovery is so complex, and because there tends to be a stigma associated with



courtesy Jillian Velasquez

Healing Spirits Aftercare Program held a panel at the Ignacio Middle School for alcohol awareness on Friday, April 29. The panel were Elisia Cruz, Daisy BlueStar, Esther Belin and Mikki Naranjo.



courtesy Jillian Velasquez

Lexy Young (left) and Sarafina Chackee walked with about 20 others during the Alcohol Awareness Walk on April 30. The walk began and ended at Ute Park. The walk was sponsored by the Healing Spirits aftercare program of Peaceful Spirit.

addiction and recovery, the need for a recovery support group became apparent.

Currently, Healing Spirits operates as a volunteer program. The Intake/Aftercare Coordinator of Peaceful Spirit, Esther Belin, facilitates community ideas into reality. Community members are the force behind the Healing Spirits programming. Thus, anyone can be a Healing Spirits member – and anyone

can create an event. If the idea is a family-oriented, sober event that creates community health – Healing Spirits supports it.

The Healing Spirits model of recovery includes the effects of Historical Trauma and Loss suffered by indigenous peoples. Although many times the effects are displayed as drug and alcohol addiction, grief, anger and trauma also cause people to struggle.

We also choose to celebrate the strengths of our community. Yes, we are a small movement. yes, we do stumble. Yes, we sometimes walk in the wrong direction. And most definitely, yes, we ask for grace as we move forward – healing our own soul wounds. Yes, we can also use help. Yes, we function much better under the guidance of loving-kindness.

Lastly, Healing Spirits thanks everyone involved in the movement – from conception to completion of an idea – from kind words to kindly lending a helping hand.

Recently, the Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition awarded Healing Spirits with recognition for our events in April that supported National Poetry Month and Alcohol Awareness – the Journey of Healing Panel, the Poetry Slam and the Children's Powwow. Please celebrate with us!

For more information on our movement, please call 970-563-4555.



courtesy Healing Spirits

Intake/Aftercare Coordinator of Peaceful Spirit, Esther Belin (left) was presented an award as part of the San Juan Basin Health's Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition. Cynthia Schultz the Program Manager, Health Policy and Systems at San Juan Basin Health Department presented the award to Healing Spirits on May 9.

Recruiting foster parents



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

At a Foster Care Recruitment Meeting held by the Southern Ute Division of Social Services on Thursday, April 28, Precious Collins talked about her experience being a foster child; how it shaped her in life and how it affects her being a foster parent now.

HEALTH UPDATE

Free dental clinics for La Plata County students

Free dental clinics for La Plata County students will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the School-Based Health Centers at Durango High (DHS) and Florida Mesa Elementary (FME) Schools on May 17 (DHS) and May 26 (FME). Cleanings, Fluoride Treatments, and Sealants will be offered. To make an appointment call 970-375-3832 (DHS) or 970-385-1168 (FME). Brought to you by Axis Health System and Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation.

May Memorial Walk  
In Loving Memory of Leah Violet Tsosie

Healing Spirits along with Shawmarie Tso invite everyone to a memorial walk on May 21 at 10 a.m. Please gather in the parking lot on the back side of the Mercy Medical Center. Look for balloons. Shawmarie invites people to bring a photo of their loved ones who have died due to alcohol and drugs. She also requests walkers to wear lime green – Leah's favorite color. The route will be in the Three Springs area. Leah Tsosie perished in a drunk driving car accident. She graduated from Durango High School in 2008 and was a member of the Navajo tribe. She was an employee of the Southern Ute Head Start at the time of her death. For more info about the walk, please call 970-563-4555.

# MEMORIAL WALK

In Loving Memory of Leah Violet

May 21, 2016  
10am

MEET IN THE  
PARKING LOT BEHIND  
MERCY MEDICAL  
CENTER

Wear Lime Green

For more info about the Healing Spirits movement:  
**970.563.4555**  
[healingspirits@sucap.org](mailto:healingspirits@sucap.org)

What if a loved one has cancer and doesn't know?

American Indians are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Early screening can save lives.



Everyone 50 and older should be screened for colon cancer. Contact your health care provider to learn more.

Andrea Martinez  
970 563 0154/ EX 2347  
CHR/ HEALTH SERVICES







COUNCIL TOURS CASINO KITCHENS • FROM PAGE 1

cooked in microwaves.

Barbone showed council the eggs used in the kitchen; a bag of liquid pasteurized eggs, which is an industry standard for safety reasons, he said.

As for the microwaved food, Barbone pointed out the only microwaves in the kitchen; one is used by the baker to melt butter and chocolate and the other is used only as needed to warm up food.

“We use the microwave to put heat on something, nothing is cooked in the microwave,” he said.

After the tour, Chairman Clement J. Frost and Councilman Tyson Thompson said they feel better about the kitchens after taking the tour.

“I’ve never had a problem with my food here,” Thompson said. “It has always been cooked to my liking.”



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson observes food stored in a freezer during a follow-up tour of Casino’s kitchen facilities following tribal member concerns about the service of the restaurants.

MENTAL ILLNESS • FROM PAGE 1

that mental health problems aren’t real, and hoping that they will never get worse. B4Stage4 means more than thinking that someone on the edge of a crisis will always pull himself or herself back without our help, and praying that someone else will intervene before a crisis occurs.

B4Stage4 means, in part, talking about what mental illnesses feel like, and then acting on that information. It means giving voice to feelings and fears, and to

hopes and dreams. It means empowering people as agents of their own recovery. And it means changing the paths of our own lives for the better, and helping those we love change theirs. So let’s talk about what life with a mental illness feels like, to voice what we are feeling, and so others can know they are not alone.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Behavioral Health Department at 970-563-4581 and ask for Mary

Trujillo Young or Jennifer GoodTracks. We are here to help! Another resource available 24/7 is the Colorado Statewide Crisis Line: 844-493-8255

May is Mental Health Month! Help us get the word out about the importance of Mental Wellness by wearing something green on Friday, May 20. Pick up a green ribbon and a green pen at the Southern Ute Health Center as a way to remember the importance of mental health.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Misconceptions of mental illness

Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Mental illness is a sickness that millions of people in the world struggle with on an endless basis, but it is also one of the most misunderstood illnesses. People who experience a form of mental illness will feel senses of discomfort and uneasiness. But once the illness becomes prolonged for a number of years, it begins to take physical effects on the human body – and the illness is no longer just in the person’s head.

According to Mary Young, Southern Ute Behavioral Health Director, prolonged mental illnesses may result with even greater risks including stomach and chest pains, muscle pains, head jolts (aka brain zaps), constipation, lack of appetite, over-eating, sleep deprivation – some of the various physical symptoms.

“All of these play a severity in the person’s physical condition if they don’t seek help,” she stated. “If a person has asthma and/or high blood pressure, then their mental illness can exacerbate those risks. Generally, people who suffer

from a mental illness will try to treat it with drugs or alcohol, and that will cause potential risks for the body. And of course, the biggest risk is suicide.”

The epidemic of documented suicides on American Indian reservations continues to surge. It has become the second most common cause of death for indigenous youth from ages 15 to 24 – two and half times the national rate for that age group. Many reservations including Canadian lands have declared suicide as a state of emergency. In a recent study done by The Guardian, the remote northern Ontario community of approximately 2,000 people has seen more than 100 suicide attempts in the past seven months.

“Another misconception about mental illness is coming in for help and thinking you need to have a diagnosis before seeing someone,” Young added. “Here at the Southern Ute Health Center, you can come it at any stage and we will listen. When a person seeks help, it doesn’t mean they’re weak. It’s a sign of strength because you are looking out for yourself.

Jennifer Goodtracks is a tribal member who works really well with the community. She is always here for those who want to speak about their illnesses.”

According to Medscape, stress-induced gastritis (stress ulcers) is a serious risk that can be induced by prolonged mental illness. Stress ulcers can cause mucosal erosions and superficial hemorrhages in patients who are under extreme psychological stress, resulting in minimal-to-severe gastrointestinal (GI) blood loss and leading to blood transfusion if not addressed. People with stress ulcers have a higher mortality than compared to patients who do not have stress ulceration and bleeding.

“Mental health is such a major priority for every human being,” Young added. “We go to the dentist to prevent tooth decay, or regular doctor check ups to stay up to date – we need to take the same actions when it comes to mental health. It’s about preventing it before someone really starts to suffer. I think everyone with a mental illness can benefit by having someone to listen to them.”

COMMUNITY  
**NA Meeting**

**Thursdays @ 7PM**  
**Sun Ute Rec Center**

For more info about the *Healing Spirits* movement:  
**970.563.4555**  
[healingspirits@sucap.org](mailto:healingspirits@sucap.org)  
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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL  
HONORARY PROCLAMATION**

**SOUTHERN UTE MENTAL HEALTH MONTH  
May 2016**

**WHEREAS,** mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of May, as

**MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

For the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to recognize the resilience of those living with mental illness. Let us strengthen our commitment to increasing awareness and understand of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions at all stages.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Mr. Clement J. Frost, Chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

**Ignacio Senior Center**

ADDRESS: 15345 HWY 172, Ignacio, Colorado 81137

PHONE: (970) 563-4561 FAX: (970) 563-3166

17 Hamburger Gravy Mashed potatoes Spinach Pears	18 Spaghetti & Meatballs Italian Veggies Garlic Bread Plums	19 Lasagna Italian Veggies Garlic bread Pineapple/Orange Slices
24 Chicken Cacciatore Parsley noodles Spinach Wheat roll Apricots	25 Frito pie Carrot Stick's Spanish rice Pears	26 Pork Chops Stuffing Green beans Whole Wheat Roll

**Upcoming Events**

Craft Day	5.17
Centenarian Celebration	5.20
Dessert Social	5.26
CENTER CLOSED	5.30
Cholesterol Checks	5.31

Ignacio Senior Center provides Meals On Wheels to the elderly and disabled 5 times a week. We also have congregate meals Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays which includes a Salad Bar. A \$4 donation is what we ask for the meals. and Wednesdays are free.

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and neglect. You won't stand alone.

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Department of Human Services

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SUIMA, Bobcat bucks



courtesy Bernadine Tso/SUIMA

Max Veneno, Sinaav Larry, Daya Thompson, Ava Sage-Morgan, Miguel Red and Paiten Tucson are all recognized by SUIMA Primary 2 guides as exhibiting the characteristics of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship as part of the Character Counts Program. They received a Bobcat token that reads “Ignacio Bobcats” and on the other side “Character Counts”. We are proud of the students.

SUIMA parent meeting



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman, Lorelei Cloud (left) speaks to the parents at the Southern Ute Indian Academy’s Parent Night held at the Multi-Purpose Facility Wednesday, April 27. Parents were served Indian tacos and got updated on new programming for the upcoming year.

Southern Ute Education/Powerhouse Science Center Ignacio Camps – Summer 2016

Eligible students are Southern Ute Tribal members or Johnson-O’Malley enrolled. Ssummer programs info will be sent home with Ignacio Public School and SUIMA students. Call for information 970-563-0237 or email Carrie Vogel, cvogel@southernute-nsn.gov; Dorian Romero-Morris, doromero@southernute-nsn.gov or Julie Stone, jstone@southernute-nsn.gov.

Inventor’s Camp

June 20-23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 6-8 years (boys + girls), SU Education Dept.

Girl Power Science!

June 27-30, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (girls only), SU Education Dept.

Superhero Training Camp

July 11-14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (boys only), SU Education Dept.

Mini Inventor’s Camp

Please contact the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), July 25-29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Mon. – Fri., 3-5 years (boys + girls), SUIMA.

Camp Discovery 2016 at Powerhouse Science Center

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members ONLY. Contact Carrie Vogel or Julie Stone at the Southern Ute Education Dept. for registration at 970-563-0237 or via email, cvogel@southernute-nsn.gov or jstone@southernute-nsn.gov. There are 20 paid scholarship spots to participate in these camps. Requirement: Families must make the commitment to transport and pick up all camp attendees from each location – Powerhouse Science Center, Durango; Animas High School, Durango; or Kiva School, Cortez.

JUNE

- **MacGyverology**  
June 13-17 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 8-11 years. {3 spots left}
- **Animal Science**  
June 20-24 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 6-8 years.
- **Harry Potter Camp**  
June 20-24 @ Kiva School, Cortez, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9-12 years.
- **Engineering Design Lab**  
June 27-July 1 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 6-8 years. {2 spots left}
- **Cyclin’ Science Camp**  
Hosted by Durango DEVO youth cycling team. Must have a helmet and durable mountain bikel June 27-July 1 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 8-10 years.
- **Inventor’s Camp**  
June 27-July 1 @ Kiva School, Cortez, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9-12 years.

JULY

- **Out of this World!**  
July 5-8 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 3-5 years. {3 spots left}
- **Sounds Good to Me!**  
July 5-8 @ Powerhouse, 1:30-5 p.m., 3-5 years. {5 spots left}

Rocketry Camp

July 6-8 @ Animas High School, Dgo., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 10-14 years.

3D Printing workshop

July 8 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 11-15 years.

Zettabyte Computer Camp

July 11-15 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 10-15 years.

Seedy Science in our Garden

July 11-15 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-5 years. {5 spots left}

Cyclin’ Science Camp

Hosted by Durango DEVO youth cycling team. Must have a helmet and durable mountain bike! July 11-15 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 10-12 years.

Forensic Science Camp

July 18-22 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 11-15 years.

Jedi Academy

July 18-22 @ Animas High School, Dgo., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., 11-15 years.

• **Camp Ladyada – Girl Power Science**  
July 18-22 @ Kiva School, Cortez, 9-12 years.

• **Camp Ladyada – Girl Power Science**  
July 25-29 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9-12 years.

Robotics Camp

July 25-29 @ Animas High School, Dgo., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9-12 years.

AUGUST

• **Robotics 4.0**  
August 1-5 @ Animas High Schoo, Dgo., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 11-15 years.

• **Harry Potter Camp**  
August 1-5 @ Powerhouse, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 9-12 years.

• **Biology Camp: Survival 101**  
August 1-5 @ Animas High School, Dgo., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 8-11 years.

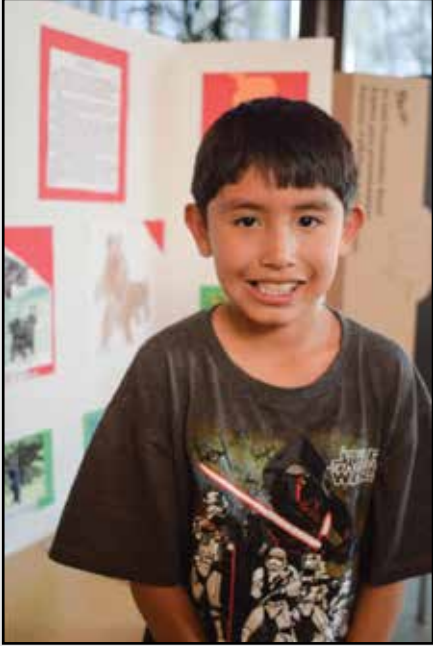
Encouraging cycling safety



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

With dad’s help, Meskvlwv Wesley navigates a curve at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s (SUIMA) Bike Rodeo Wednesday, May 4 in the south Sky Ute Casino Resort parking lot.

A Creative Knowledge Night



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students showed plenty of creativity as they displayed their projects at the annual Knowledge Night, hosted at the Academy on Thursday, May 5. Knowledge Night allows Academy students to study any subject of their choosing with well-developed research and examination. Projects ranged from animals, food, music, sports, and entertainment. Dominique Rael (left) shows off her project about jellyfish. Davian Richards gives a smile next to his project about bears.

Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. \*\*Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by \*\*5:00 pm on Monday, May 23, 2016 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Ignacio High School ‘Cat Honors’ Fourth Nine Weeks 2015-2016

PAW PRESENCE

Armando Bogarin  
Gabriana Creason  
Piper Creason  
Naton Cundiff  
Briana Duran  
Alexandra Gearhart  
Elizaveta Gearhart  
Wyatt Hayes

Trace Lovelace  
Jaden Maez  
Manuel Martinez  
Austin Mccaw  
Karely Mendoza  
Mitchell Neil  
Heile Pearson  
Jade Richards

Lucas Roderick  
Colten Smithson  
Chrystianne Valdez  
Ruger Valdez  
Javan Webb  
Zachary Weinreich

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

**9TH GRADE**  
Wendy Vega  
Dustin Sanchez

**10TH GRADE**  
Chasity Bean  
Johnny Valdez

**11TH GRADE**  
Jessica Manley  
Bryan Gram

**12TH GRADE**  
Bekka Powell  
Tucker Ward

STUDENTS OF CHARACTER

Ruger Valdez  
Bryan Gram  
Kayden Box  
Nicholas Sanchez  
Tyler Jourden  
Lainey Espinosa  
Chamisa Edd  
Keegan Richmond  
Johnny Valdez  
Chase Francis  
Kai Roubideaux  
Alejandra Lujan  
Karely Mendoza  
Chonita Lucero

Tucker Ward  
Kayden Box  
Stocker Robbins  
Chasity Bean  
Quincy Witt  
Bekka Powell  
Wendy Vega  
Michael Archuleta  
Sidney Cox  
Jt Alvarez  
Trina Geahart  
Joseph Vigil  
Miel Diaz  
Chastain Cundiff

Nicholas Sanchez  
Ada Wilmer  
Elicio Soto  
Lawrence Duffin-Valdez  
Jade Richards  
Tauno Wilmer-Gallegos  
Moav Berry  
Wyatt Hayes  
Jessica Manley  
Sidney Cox  
Ronnie Kinsey  
Camron Garcia  
Gabriana Creason  
Chloe Knapp

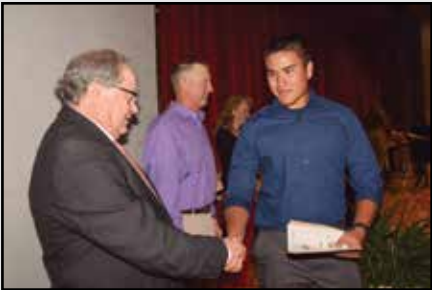


Bobcat Honors awards



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Seniors, Ellie Siebel and Marian Fernandez Lopez, give a smile with parents Shane Siebel and Melanie Siebel as they accept their awards for academics.



Natoni Cundiff, sophomore, shakes hands with Rocco Fuschetto as he accepts his award for academics.

Chastity Bean, sophomore, shows her award for academics.

Wildlife spotted at Head Start



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

A Guys & Kids Breakfast was hosted at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start on Tuesday, May 10. Students and family members were treated with a meal consisting of milk, fruit, and sausage biscuits. Wildlife Technicians Henry Whiteskunk and Danielle Austin paid a visit, where they showcased many types of animal fur including bear, fox, otter, and coyote. Danielle Austin (left) and Henry Whiteskunk from the Division of Wildlife display a piece of coyote fur to Head Start students.

Family Night with PRCLC



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Pine River Community Learning Center (PRCLC) hosted its last family night of the school year, Thursday, April 28 at the Ignacio Elementary School. Families worked together on activities including coloring and planting seeds.

Students honored at Academic Awards Banquet

The Ignacio School District recognized students, grades 6th through 12th, who maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout the school year. On Monday, May 2 Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto presented the awards and School Board President, Robert Schurman gave a speech of inspiration. Recipients at the awards banquet are as follows:

6TH GRADE

Shawn Campbell, Jackie Carrillo, Alannah Gomez, Amanda Henderson, Monika Lucero, Alexis Pontine, Laura Witt.

7TH GRADE

Matthew Belleau, Jeffrey Brittain, Jayden Brunson, Mia Carrillo, Caitlyn Chapman, Ramon Duran, Kaylee Egger, Bryce Finn, Shelcie Gosney, Demi Hauschild, Karley Pollock, Emilia Price, Noelle Sitton, Charlize Valdez.

8TH GRADE

Clay Campbell, Sydnee Cruz, Santana Edd, Larissa Gallegos, Stephan Gomez, Jason Hampton-Foutz, Brianna Henderson, Makayla Howell, Emily Lohrey, Emerald Owens, Bird Red, Keegan Shurman, Isabela Torres, Elizabeth Valdez, Ian Weinreich.

9TH GRADE

Armando Bogarin, Briana Duran, Elizaveta Gearhart, Lauren Gram, Heile Pearson, Kiana Valdez, Quincy Witt.

10TH GRADE

Chastity Bean, Gabriela Creason, Natoni Cundiff, Dominic Cuthair, Chamisa Edd, Cole McCaw, Kendall Raby, Johnny Valdez Jr., Ada Wilmer.

11TH GRADE

Tori Archuleta, Rachel Cooper, Bryan Gram, Lea Monroe, Kiana Moreno, Sheigh Pollock, Jade Richards, Colten Smithson, Zachary Weinreich.

12TH GRADE

Tyler Beebe, Miriam Fernandez Lopez, Wyatt Hayes, Savannah Lane, Austin McCaw, Lillianna Romero, Ellie Siebel, Chrystianne Valdez.

Drum coverage

Help us, help you. As we know spring makes for a busy time of the year – school events, sports, graduations and special events, please call the Drum at 970-563-0118 if you know of an event that needs Drum coverage.

Southern Ute Education Dept. College Scholarships for 2016-2017 academic year

Deadline for completed applications for fill-time scholarships is July 1, 2016. Part-time scholarships are also available. Applications are available on-line or you can pick up applications at the Education Dept.Scholarships for Certificates, Associates, and Bachelors through Doctorate. Mandatory orientations will be held May 26, June 2, and June 9 at 5 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Center, 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, Colo. For more information contact the Southern Ute Education Dept. Academic Advisor, Michael Kirsch at 970-563-0237, ext. 2783 or via email at mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

**\$40,000,000 FIESTA CASH Giveaway**

**Drawings on Saturdays every hour 5PM-9PM!**

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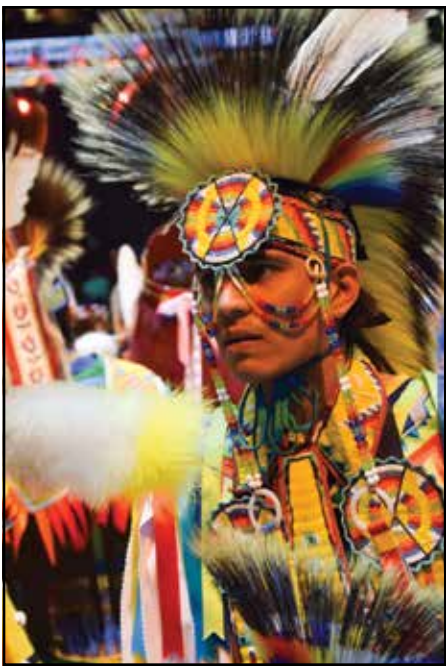
Promotional period May 1-28, 2016. Drawings every hour on Saturdays only 5PM-9PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.





Miss Indian World contestant Emery-Rose Assiniboine from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada waves to the audience with a smile.

## Photos by Damon Toledo



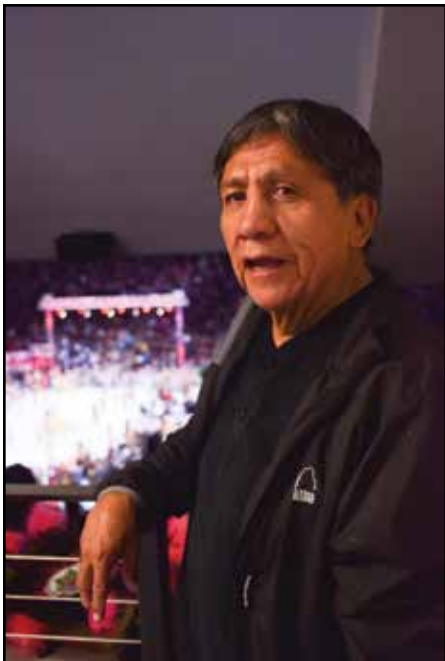
The Gathering brought hundreds of native tribes together for a weekend of dancing and festivities.



The Aztec Dancers make their return to the Gathering with an energetic and colorful performance.



Southern Ute Tribal member Brianna GoodTracks-Alires gives a smile during the Gathering of Nation's grand entry ceremony.



Southern Ute Tribal elder Rod Groves braved the crowds at the Gathering of Nations.



Like all performers, the Apache Crown dancers drew in large audiences for their traditional dance.



The Acoma Rain Dancers from the Pueblo of Acoma, N.M. dazzle the crowd with their traditional dance.



A young dancer keeps up with the rhythm of beating drums.

## ***GON: Saturday Night Special***



courtesy Wendell Vigliani

The men's fancy feather 'Saturday Night Live' dance special took center-stage in 'The Pit' at the University of New Mexico, Saturday, April 30 during Gathering of Nations Powwow. This will be the last year 'The Pit' will host the powwow.

The poster features a border with a blue field of white stars on the left and red and white horizontal stripes on the right and bottom. A stylized illustration of an eagle with a white head and yellow beak is shown in the bottom right corner, facing left. The text is centered in the white background.

**Veterans Honor Breakfast**

Open to ALL Veterans

**Sunday, May 29, 2016**

**9:30-11:00 am**

**Multi-purpose Building**  
*(Located at Ute Park)*

**Ignacio, CO**

**Food Donations Accepted**  
Please drop off between 8-9 am at  
Multi-purpose kitchen on May 29, 2016

*Sponsored by Veteran Mothers, Fathers, Daughters,  
Sons, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, etc.*

*Event **NOT** sponsored by  
The Southern Ute Veterans Association*





# Law Enforcement Appreciation Week 2016

*It is with great honor, the Justice & Regulatory Department present former and current Southern Ute tribal members who have served J&R as Patrol Officers, Tribal Rangers, Gaming Officers, Communication Officers and Reserve Officers.*

## POLICE OFFICERS

*The mission of the Southern Ute Police Department is to uphold the constitutional sovereignty and the customs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, while protecting the right of all people. To protect life and property and to promote and preserve peace within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.*

Randy Baker Sr.	Floran Howe	James Price
Dewitt Baker	Elizabeth Kent	Bryce Red
Eddie box Jr.	Elwood Kent	Ervin Red
Floyd Box	Alden Naranjo	Ivan Red Sr.
Herman Brown	Elaine Newton	Howard Richards Sr.
Everett Burch	Frank Pena	William Richards Sr.
Robert Burch		Zachary Rock
SanJean Burch		Maurice Sage Jr.
Jerry Cloud		Dennis Santistevan
Ralph Cloud		Henry Taylor
Jeannie Cook		John S. Taylor
Clement Frost		Robert "Buddy" Taylor
Jack Frost Sr.		William Thompson
Jack Frost Jr.		Mark Torres
Stanley Frost		Tim Watts
Amber Garcia		Stafford Washington
Taka X. GoodTracks		Arthur Weaver
Vincent Grove		Arthur J. Weaver
Frank Howe		Charles William



## TRIBAL RANGERS

*The Mission of the Natural Resource Enforcement Division is to protect all the Natural Resource of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, insure fair and equal application of the laws and regulations while protecting the membership, sovereignty, culture and the traditions of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.*

Dewitt Baker	Howard Richards Sr.
Randall Baker	April Rivas
Charley Cook	Zachary Rock
Delbert Daniel Baker	Ray Sage Sr.
Bernard Cuthair	Barbara Scott
Byron Frost	Robert "Buddy" Taylor
Alden Naranjo	Ruben Vigil
James M. Olguin	Ralph Watts
Frank Pena	Johnny Weaver
Bryce Red	Rudley Weaver



## GAMING INVESTIGATORS

*The Southern Ute Division of Gaming is dedicated to implementing, regulating and supervising the conduct of gaming on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, as authorized by the Tribal Gaming Code and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Gaming Compact, accomplishing its lawful obligations in a caring and professional manner to promote mutual respect, honesty, and rigid adherence to the tribal codes, resulting in fair and impartial treatment for all.*

Matthew Box	Zachary Rock	Rudley Weaver
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## COMMUNICATIONS TECHS & RESERVE OFFICERS

Wesley Baker	Gerald Howe	Roger Sage Sr.
SanJean Burch	Reginald Howe	Ben Watts
Gayla Cloud	Robert Howe	Ann Weaver
Jennifer GoodTracks	Harvey Joy	Billy Weaver
Pathimi GoodTracks	Donald Martinez	Ella Weaver
Rob GoodTracks	Lawrence Monte	Elizabeth Williams-Santistevan
Alan Herrera	Gail Pena	
Daniella Howe	Ronald Price	

Melody Alires	Clement Frost	Inez Rivera
Bonnie Baker	Jack Frost Sr.	Maurice Sage Jr.
Kathy Blackburn	Florann Howe	Robert Santistevan
Terry Box	Gerald Howe	Clayborn Scott Sr.
Wilma Brown	Marcus Howe	Daleene Washington
Faren Burch	Margie Howe	Gloria Watts
SanJean Burch	David Joy	Ann Weaver
Gayla Cloud	Elizabeth Kent	Clifford Weaver
Jerry Cloud	Tony Monte	Daniel Weaver
Lorraine Cloud	Elaine Newton	Dudley Weaver
Nathan Cloud	AnnaLiece Pinnecoose	Leroy Weaver
Roger Cloud	Robert Richards	

## DETENTION OFFICERS

*The mission of the Southern Ute Detention Center is to provide safe and humane confinement for all Native Americans, who are under the jurisdiction of the Tribe and other community members through inter-government contracts. The Detention Center will operate under the authority of the Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Tribe will establish or adopt the following professional standards for Adult Correctional Association.*

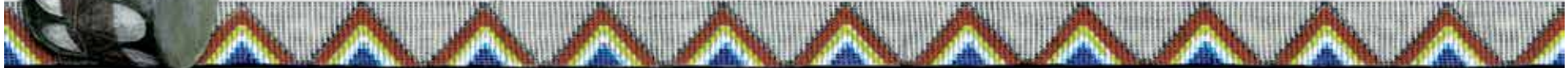
Jerome Olguin	Ronalyn Tiznado	Elmore Rock
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**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE JUSTICE & REGULATORY**  
Our sincere apologies if we forgot to include anyone. It was not intentional or meant to be disrespectful to anyone. We would ask that if we missed someone who should be on any of these lists, please let us know so that we may include them in future celebrations and give them the honor they deserve. Please include their name and the department they served in, You can submit this information to [cnaranjo@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:cnaranjo@southernute-nsn.gov) or call 970-563-0246. Thank you, the Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory.









## BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

**ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:**

**The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management will be ACCEPTING BRUNOT RARE GAME APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY.**

**Applications must be picked up and returned to the SUT Wildlife office by **TUESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 2016.****

**The drawing will be held in June.**

**AVAILABLE PERMITS**

**2 Bighorn Sheep**

**2 Mountain Goat**

**1 Moose**



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## TRIBAL AGRICULTURE

# The importance of controlling noxious weeds

By Robert Dobbins  
AGRICULTURE FIELD TECHNICIAN

To reduce the negative effects of invasive weeds, the S.U.I.T. Agriculture Division offers a weed control service to tribal members who manage agricultural lands. This is a low cost service and provides herbicide applications on Tribal agricultural croplands. Sign up now to have weed management completed on your Tribal agricultural land. To talk with us more about this program, please call us at 563-0220 or stop by the Agriculture Division's office.

Controlling noxious weeds is one of the biggest problems we face in the management of natural resources, not only here, but all over the country. Dozens of plant species found in this area are classified as noxious weeds. Most of which are non-native plants brought here from around the world, and without the natural controls found in their native environments they grow fast and unchecked. This allows for their rapid spread, and leads to larger problems over time.

Infestations of noxious weeds can displace native plant species, negatively impact soil health, threaten wildlife habitat, lowers the yields and quality of agricultural crops, creates monoculture stands of unusable plants, and takes

limited water and nutrients resources away from more desirable plants. All of these situations can lead to serious damage, making the controlling of noxious weeds very important.

Proper management of irrigation water, livestock grazing, and attention to soil health are good preventive measures, that allows desirable plant species to out compete invading weeds. When stands of weeds do become established however, control or eradicating becomes a larger task. In most cases a multi-step integrated pest management plan will lead to the best long term success. Changes in land management practices, replanting desirable plants that will crowd out weed species, along with other practices are vital. Do to aggressive hardiness of these weeds and usually the large size of the infested area, it is most feasible to begin this process by

applying chemical herbicides. When applied properly herbicides are highly effective, require less labor and cost less than other options. However, there are quite a few factors that must be considered before going out in the field and doing the work. Good planning is needed in order to get the best results and insure label directions are followed. Early treatment and correct timing are big factors on how effective your application will be.

So in order to successfully control weeds, not only now, but for years to come, it takes a combination of management activities that eliminates the already growing weeds and changes the growing conditions to prevent their regrowth. If you have questions about controlling noxious weeds or about the cost share program, please call us at 970-563-0220 and/or stop by our office.



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## Public Notice

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado

### Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. The agenda will include Commission Procedural Business, Tribal Air Quality Program and Commission Updates, Enforcement Procedures Penalty Policy, Long Term Plan Review and Update, Intergovernmental Agreement Periodic Review Update, CDPHE Update, Public Comment, Schedule Next Meeting. For more information please contact Mr. Mark A. Hutson, Air Quality Program Manager at 970-563-4705 ext. 2206 or visit the Commission website at: [www.southernutensn.gov/environmental-commission/](http://www.southernutensn.gov/environmental-commission/)



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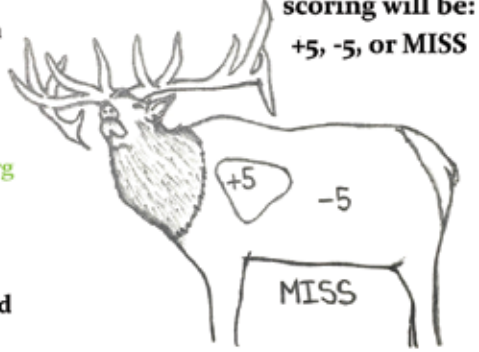
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May 13, 2016

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# Bear Dance



## 2016 Southern Ute Bear Dance Memorial weekend schedule



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- Bear Dance Workshop 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

- Bear Dance Corral Blessing 10 a.m. Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- Ute Nations Day 8:30 – 10 a.m. So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Large classroom
- Bear Dance Kick-Off Meal 12 – 1 p.m. Sky Ute Casino Resort, Events Center
- Bear Dance ALL DAY Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- Bear Dance Powwow (Gourd Dance) 5 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- Bear Dance Powwow (Grand Entry) 7 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

- Bear Dance ALL DAY Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- Bear Dance Powwow (Gourd Dance) 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- Bear Dance Powwow (Grand Entry) 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

- Bear Dance ALL DAY Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- Veterans Honor Breakfast 9:30 – 11 a.m. Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

### MONDAY, MAY 30

- Bear Dance ALL DAY Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- Day of Remembrance 10 a.m. Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park
- Bear Dance Feast 12 p.m. Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds

## Bear Dance Kick Off Meal

Friday, May 27  
12 - PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

Southern Ute tribal families and staff invited.

Menu: Burgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad,  
Mac & Cheese, Chips, Dessert & Drinks

Info, contact Tara Vigil at  
970-563-0100, ext. 3624.



## UTE NATION DAY 2016

Honoring the Ute & Comanche Peace Treaty of 1977



Friday, May 27, 2016

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum -  
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- Snow Wing Arrow Top Knot Wagner- Head Lady Cortez, CO
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- Andrew Frost - Head Gourd Dancer Ignacio, CO
- Mile High - Host Northern Drum Lakewood, CO
- Bad Company - Host Southern/Gourd Drum Fort Collins, CO

**GOURD DANCE**  
- Friday, May 27 - 5 p.m.  
- Saturday, May 28 - 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**  
- Friday, May 27 - 7 p.m.  
- Saturday, May 28 - 1 & 7 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**  
- Opens: Friday, May 27, 5 p.m.  
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- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs  
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- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs  
Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional  
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- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

**POWOW CONTACTS**  
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149  
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255  
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

**POWOW INFO**  
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846  
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- \$50 each day (10'x10') inside booth rates.  
Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

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- Admission is free  
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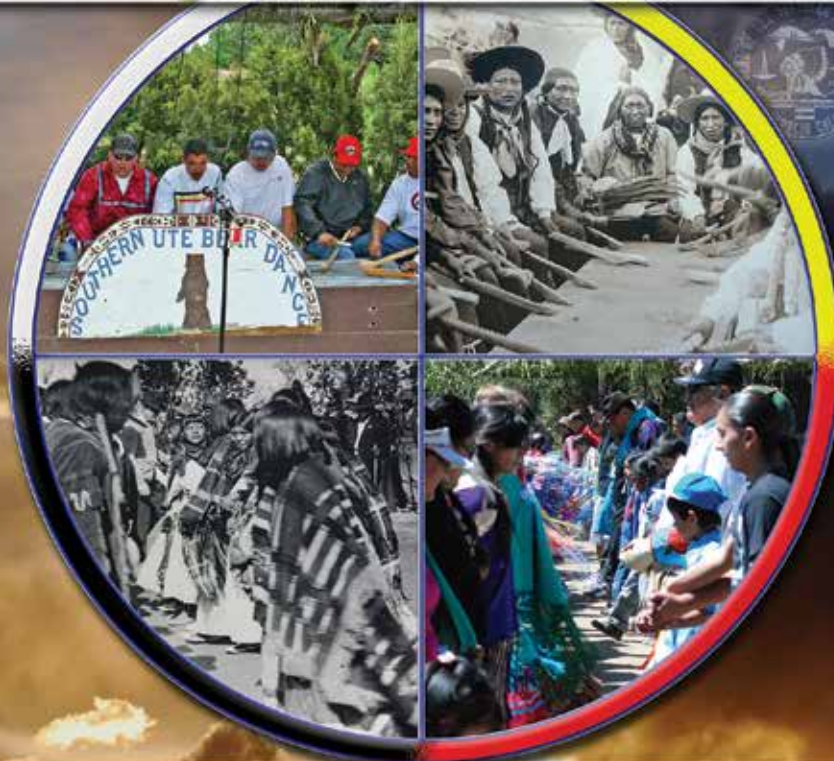
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IHS BASEBALL

# Bobcats overpower Bears; win SJBL!

Postseason next after 18-1, 12-2 sweep

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Like thoroughbreds building up speed in races leading up to the Kentucky Derby, Bobcat Baseball built it up for a highly anticipated postseason by leaving 2A/1A San Juan Basin League arch-nemesis Dolores in the dust.

Traveling to Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park Thursday, May 5 (rescheduled from Saturday, April 30), Ignacio wasted no time grabbing the circuit crown. Scoring three runs in the top of the doubleheader's first inning and adding four in the second, IHS battered the Bears for another nine in the third before Bert Miller began emptying his bench and getting not only his reserves some playing time but also some of his JV/V swing players.

Ignacio then tacked on two more runs in the fourth for good measure, and locked up a lopsided 18-1 victory an inning later when DHS' 8-9-1 spots went down in order and Dolores having managed just an RBI-single by junior Brandon Ward, scoring freshman Dakota Smith, in the bottom of the second.

Senior Anthony Manzanares went 4-for-4, was also hit by a pitch and scored four runs to pace the 'Cats, while classmate Tucker Ward – who started on the mound against DHS sophomore Justin Purkat – went 3-3 with a double, a walk and also scored four times.

Having been brutally alerted to the fact that yes, they were indeed facing



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Kruz Pardo (15) receives congratulations from senior Austin McCaw (12) after scoring one of the Bobcats' 14 runs in a nine-run defeat of 3A Pagosa Springs on Tuesday, May 3. The Senior Day win geared IHS up for a two-game, SJBL-clinching road sweep of Dolores on May 5 to end the regular season.

their most despised enemy, the Bears actually managed to show a tooth or two and scraped together a go-ahead two runs in the bottom of the first off Ignacio junior Zach Weinreich, after Manzanares led off the game wearing senior Josh McCoy's pitch and later scoring on senior Austin McCaw's two-out double.

With one away in their first collective at-bat of Game 2, Purkat and sophomore Tel Hamilton each singled, and after Weinreich got opposing number McCoy to bounce back to the mound for the second out, Smith singled and Ward doubled to give Dolores a 2-1 lead and their supporters a faintly-flickering hope.

But Weinreich cut short that counterstrike by fanning sophomore designated hitter Eric Eastman, and the Bobcats then extinguished that fire by cobbling together three runs in the top of the second and as many in the third for a 7-2 advance.

tage. And it would never be threatened; DHS managed only three hits between the second and seventh innings in ultimately losing 12-2.

Senior Chance Hine reached base all four of his plate appearances and scored an IHS-high three runs, while junior Timmy Plehinger, Manzanares and sophomore Nate Atencio each scored twice. Weinreich went 0-2 with two walks and a run, sophomore Kruz Pardo was 2-4 with a walk, double and run, and Ward 2-5 with a double and a run.

Having put up at least a dozen runs in each of their most recent four outings (all wins) to end the regular season, and now in six of their last seven, Ignacio will enter the 2A-District 2 Tournament standing a stout 13-4 overall and a SJBL-best 8-1.

The Bears, meanwhile, bottomed out at 0-16 overall – one unreported loss dealt them by the potent Ignacio JV on Day 2 of the IHS Invitational.

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IHS GIRLS TRACK

# Lady Cats take 11th in Pagosa

Campbell, Monroe tops individually

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Even an excellent 13.42 in the 100-meter dash wasn't enough for Ignacio's Azala Perez to beat emerging 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Aryelle Wright – who laid down a 13.19 – across the line at the IHS-hosted 2016 SJBL Championships on Tuesday, May 3.

The leggier Dolores freshman was again in sight for the Lady Bobcat junior when their two teams were in the mix four days later at the Terry Alley Invitational hosted by 3A Pagosa Springs. And yet again, youth somehow outdid experience; Wright placed third in 13.38 seconds while Perez was sixth in 13.78 ... but somewhat happy that first place didn't go to the



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Alana Watts gives her all as she throws the discus at the San Juan Basin League Track Meet held at Ignacio High School on Tuesday, May 3. Watts placed 6th in discus throwing 79'08" and 3rd in Shot Put throwing 28'08".

Lady Bear but instead to 1A Mosca Sangre de Cristo's Sarah Storey (13.15).

Scoring towards the team total, Perez helped the Lady Cats to an 11th-place 21.5 points. Wright and DHS finished eighth with 40.5, Sangre's Lady Thunderbirds were seventh with 50.5, and

3A Alamosa won with 128. Juniors Kelly Campbell and Lea Monroe turned in Ignacio's top individual efforts, with Campbell tying SdC's Kayla Moore for third in the high jump – both cleared 4'5" (Campbell's

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IHS BOYS TRACK

# Bobcats manage 13th at TAI

Gram again strong in the 200

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Four-tenths of a second separated Ignacio's Bryan Gram from 3A Alamosa's Brayan Flores when times in the May 7, Terry Alley Invitational's 200-meter dash were tabulated, and Gram's 23.99 wasn't enough to prevent the Mean Moose sophomore from pulling off the short-sprint sweep at the assembly, his 23.59 complementing well a 100-winning 11.65.

Still, it was fast enough to earn the Bobcat junior fifth place and almost fast enough – compared to 2A/1A San Juan Basin League familiar Jackson Pettinos (23.98) of Telluride and 3A Monte Vista's Noel Heredia (23.86) – to crack the event's top three, while accounting for most of IHS' 13th-place six

team points.

Flores and AHS captured first with 148, Bayfield followed with 125.5 and La Jara Centauri (76.5) completed a 3A Intermountain League sweep of the standings' top spots. 2A Center (65) and Invitational-hosting IML'ers Pagosa Springs (57) rounded out the top five.

Sophomore John Valdez took 16th in the 200, clocking 25.68 seconds, and also recorded top-20's in the 100 (19th, 12.60) and 400 (16th, 1:04.54). The Bobcats' lone relay entered, the 4x100 (sophomore Mitchell Neil, sophomore Parker Smithson, junior Colten Smithson, Valdez) ran a seventh-place 53.38.

Sophomore thrower Natoni Cundiff placed 12th in the discus with a 105-foot, six-inch best, and Neil took 19th

(78'4") while 1A Sangre de Cristo senior Zach Horning won easily with his 149'9", which only BHS junior Sam Westbrook (134'0") and sophomore Ryan Phelps (133'6") came remotely close to challenging.

In the shot put, Cundiff unluckily recorded no distance, while Neil's 34'2" held up for 15th against Westbrook's winning 45'1" and the second-place 43'5.5" of AHS senior Marco Garcia (they were the only two entrants to exceed 40 feet).

Next for Ignacio will be the Monte Vista Last Chance on Saturday, May 14 (9:00 a.m. start), out in the San Luis Valley, with all athletes either looking to achieve a qualifying mark or improve their qualified status for the May 19-21 State Championships up at Jeffco Stadium.

## Bobcats, League Champs!



courtesy Edna Frost

On Thursday, May 5 the Ignacio High School Baseball team beat the Dolores Bears 12-2 to claim the 2016 San Juan Basin League Championship title. The Bobcats advanced to district play and will take on Cedaredge today in Cortez. Tribal members on the team include sophomores Kruz Pardo #15 and Kai Roubideaux #19 – Kruz is 5th in the league for RBI's.

## Shooting Stars place third



courtesy Erika Atencio

Shootings Stars took 3rd place this weekend in the 14U girl's bracket of the PVHS Mother's Day Shootout in Farmington, N.M. Top row (l-r): Coach Travis Nanaeto, Monika Lucero, Charlize Valdez, Makayla Howell(All-Tourney), Elizabeth Valdez, Sheldie Gosney and Coach Chris Valdez. Bottom row: Kourtney Schurman, Ebonee Gomez, Jayden Brunson, Larissa Gallegos and Avaleena Nanaeto.

IHS BASKETBALL

# Cagers dominate All-SJBL

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Slow in coming, but most welcome news upon arrival, the All-San Juan Basin League Boys' and Girls' basketball teams definitely had a reddish hue to them with Ignacio prominently represented.

And no more so than at the top of each listing, with Coach-of-the-Year distinction bestowed upon Bobcat boys' boss Chris Valdez (whose squad went 22-4 and unbeaten in SJBL play) and girls' chief executive Shane Seibel (whose squad finished 17-5 overall with only one SJBL loss).

To the surprise of none, the Boys' Player-of-the-Year Award as well as First Team All-League honor went to Bobcat senior guard Wyatt Hayes. Joining him on the First Team were Mancos senior center/forward Ro Paschal, Ouray junior guard/forward Ravi Inmon (tied in the voting with Ridgway senior guard Hasten Beamer), Dove Creek senior guard Jordan Ernst and IHS senior guard/forward Tucker Ward.

Bobcat senior center Nick Herrera received Second



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez (3) was named First Team All-SJBL for her work this winter, helping the Lady Bobcats go 17-5 overall. Ignacio's Ellie Seibel (12) was named First Team All-SJBL for her work this winter, helping the Lady Bobcats go 17-5 overall.

Team All-SJBL along with Norwood junior forward Kade Brantingham and senior guard Hayden Rushing, Telluride senior guard Zak Hild, and Dolores senior forward Ben Lykins. RHS senior guard Grant Saville, OHS senior center Caleb Preston and THS senior forward Miles Galbo were all designated Honorable Mention All-League.

On the girls' side, Ignacio senior Ellie Seibel earned First Team All-SJBL with classmate Chrystianne Valdez. Joining them were Player-of-the-Year Macie Ma-

gallon of Norwood, a junior center/forward, and sophomore guard Courtney Lemon, Dolores senior guard Larissa Umberger, and Nucla senior forward Erin Staats.

IHS sophomore Hilda Garcia was named Second Team All-League with Mancos senior guard Jessica Gutierrez, Ridgway senior guard/forward Brynne Skalla, DHS senior guard Nichole Kibel, OHS junior forward Kayla Fairchild and Norwood senior guard Christa Kennedy. MHS junior guard Brittney Peacock was the lone Honorable Mention recipient.





## Farewell, Mick!



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Mick Souder, Management Information Services Director shakes Chairman Clement J. Frost's hand at his farewell reception held in the Hall of Warriors on Tuesday, May 10. Souder was with the tribe for 4 years and is moving on to work from home.

## Spring brings new life



Edward Box III/SU Culture Dept.

Edward Box III captured this photo of a mother Kit fox in front of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Tuesday, May 3. She appears to be watching over three baby kits playing (not pictured).

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Ciara Jones

**Job title:** Patrol Officer Trainee

**Description of duties:** Trainee position for uncertified individual interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Tribe.

**Family:** John Baker (father), Ida Baker (mother), and Mervyn Jones (husband).

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Tribe

**Additional comments:** Will graduate with a Master's Degree in May 2016.

### Dylon Cain

**Job title:** Detention Officer

**Description of duties:** Provide security inside the Southern Ute Detention Center. Maintains the safety & welfare of inmates and visitors. Monitors all activities within the detention center.

**Additional comments:** U.S. Air Force veteran



### Matthew Gallegos

**Job title:** Patrol Officer

**Description of duties:** Enforce federal and tribal law of the Southern Ute Tribe.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### HEALING SPIRITS THANKS

During the month of April, Healing Spirits, an aftercare recovery group from Peaceful Spirit, celebrated National Poetry Month and hosted events in support of Alcohol Awareness Month. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for helping us make these events a success. We are grateful to our volunteers and donors committed to promoting sober, family-oriented events.

The Daughters of the Red Road; Southern Ute Multi-Purpose building staff, Southern Ute New Youth Pathways grant, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Peaceful Spirit – SUCAP, Southern Ute Education Department, Peaceful Spirit clients, Skydawn Sandoval, Mikki Naranjo, Marten Pinnecose, Rochelle Aguilar, Marjorie Borst, Oolcu Buckskin, Renee Morgan, Robert Ortiz, Bread, Children's Powwow Committee, Bird Red, Tim Ryder, Cesar Thompson, Angelo Frost, Lonnie Dutchie and Family, Timber Manning and Family, Orion Watts, Jr. and Family, Myla Goodtracks and Family, Wanderers drum, NAYO, Jack Frost Jr., Southern Ute Brave - Dewayne Hendren, Shirelle Garcia, Jeff Lyman, Ignacio Middle School staff, Southern Ute Boys & Girls Club, Brenda Jefferson and Naomi Russell.

*Healing Spirits*

### COLOR RUN THANKS

During the past few months the SUPD Chief Coriz and I had been meeting regarding a joint activity for April, which was Child Abuse Awareness Month. Once we talked about having a color run for the

children, I imagined maybe about 100 children participating. I had never coordinated a color run in the past, so I called upon Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte and Precious Collins, Tribal Services, to help with the event. Once they came on board, the Ignacio Police Department, Ignacio School District, Southern Ute Drum and Shinning Mountain Wellness Program were added to the list of event coordinators. This event exploded with excitement because the community believes in protecting our children from harm and wanted to honor the children to show the care we call have for them. Other programs within the Southern Ute Tribe and community wanted to participate and be a part of the biggest event to ever to be held specifically for the children.

It is with great appreciation for the children in the Ignacio School District allowing us time to "Color Your World with Love" and all those who volunteered that I extend a very BIG THANK YOU for the success of this event, that most cannot wait until next year. A special Thank You goes to Robin and Precious for their hard work and time to making this the event of the year.

Children need to know that the whole community in which they live care about them and will protect them when they need for any person. The Ignacio Community has come together to show all the children they are here and available in a big way. Thank you Ignacio Community for proving our children are our future.

*Shelly L Thompson, Director  
Southern Ute Social Services*

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## A special Cinco de Mayo



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

For Cinco de Mayo, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were given a look at different cultures; being treated to a Mexican dance from the Los Colores De Ignacio group on Wednesday, May 5. Club members met with the dancers Cassandra Sanchez, Layla Cuthair, Rose Herrera, Veronica Gonzales, and Nick Sanchez and were given a demonstration of the historical Jalisco dance. (Left-right) Rose Herrera, Veronica Gonzales, Layla Cuthair, and Cassandra Sanchez from Los Colores De Ignacio give a thrilling dance performance for Boys & Girls Club members.

## Ignacio FFA Chapter presents their bi-annual Rocky Mountain Oyster and Catfish Fry

May 21, 2016  
5:30 PM-11 PM  
Spring Creek Hall



Prices for Dinner and Dance  
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Dance Only: \$5 per person

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The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill TWO vacancies for “Alternate Member-At-Large” on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by May 27, 2016. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.





**Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements**

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

**Banquet Staff (On-call)**

Closing date 5/17/16  
Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/ equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food service experience. Work experience in all areas of Banquet Events and Catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures and bartending preferred.

**Barista-Willows (Full-time)**

Closing date 5/13/16  
Prepares specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. The Willows Barista is accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service. Must a High School diploma/ equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Previous coffee Barista experience required. Must have at least 6 months experience in the food service industry or related experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

**Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)**

Closing date 5/13/16  
Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Must be at least 18 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have 3 months of previous dishwashing experience.

**\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call, Full-time)**

Closing date 5/20/16  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

**\*Poker Dealer (Full-time)**

Closing date 5/20/16  
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/ equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

**\*User Support/Training Specialist (Full-time)**

Closing date 5/20/16  
Provide direct support and training for all users, computers and software applications at Sky Ute Casino to ensure a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week operation. Customers of the IT department are the employees in each department of the Casino. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have at least 2 years training experience, facilitating job specific training. Prior experience teaching with technology preferred. Minimum 1 year supervisory experience, preferably in a training environment. Must demonstrate ability to conduct individual and group training sessions using adult learning principles.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

**Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements**

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view full job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

**Facilities Manager – GF Properties (Durango, Colo.)**

Closing date 5/18/16  
Provides building and property/land management services to GF Properties Group Regional Division to include monitoring and maintaining property(s), satisfying tenant requests, processing work orders and coordinating sub-contracted work. Must present a positive and professional image on behalf of GF Properties Group to the Growth Fund, other Growth Fund companies, employees, tenants and the public.

**Revenue Accounting Supervisor – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, Colo.)**

Closing date 5/23/16  
Supervising the revenue accounting function for Red Willow Production Company(RWPC). Revenue accounting functions include the timely payment of all royalties, working interest payment and taxes, and the maintenance of accurate records and reports as well as the recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to the revenue accounting function.

**SUCAP – Job announcements**

Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504  
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

**Bus Driver/Teacher Assistant**

Closing date 6/30/16 – SU Montessori Head Start  
An excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community! Full-time, pay dependent upon qualifications. Benefits included. Bus Driver-CDL License required or willing to be trained. One year experience in early childhood education required. High School Diploma or GED required. Subject to drug & alcohol testing, background checks, medical exam and TB test. Must be insurable by agency insurance provider.

**Special Events Coordinator**

Closing date 5/23/16  
SUCAP Central Administration in Ignacio is looking for a person to coordinate several fun and interesting events to increase the awareness of our services. Previous experience in coordinating events is necessary. Position is part time/temporary end date May 1, 2017. High School diploma is a must; AA degree or higher preferred. Must pass background checks.

**KSUT PUBLIC RADIO  
Executive Director**

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in SW Colorado, seeks an Executive Director with strong leadership, management and fundraising skills. The ED is responsible for managing and motivating a dynamic professional staff and developing a strong partnership with KSUT's Board of Directors. Other responsibilities include fundraising, leading a capital campaign, financial management, budgeting, and forging a powerful strategic vision for KSUT. Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in Communications or a related field. Equivalent work experience may be substituted for education requirements;
- 5 years or more of executive management experience;
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills;
- Proven development and fundraising skills with capital campaign experience;
- Experience developing and implementing budgets;
- Experience with financial management and expense control;
- Experience developing and implementing a strategic plan;
- Experience working in a culturally diverse environment.

A full job description can be found online at [ksut.org](http://ksut.org). Preference given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members and other Native American applicants. All applicants welcome. Send a cover letter and resume to [edsearch@ksut.org](mailto:edsearch@ksut.org) by 5pm, October 15, 2014, or mail materials to KSUT Public Radio, Attn: ED Search, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements**

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.  
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE  
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

**Health Services Manager/Lead CHR**

Closing date 5/16/16  
Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 17; \$35,778 annually.

**Patrol Officer**

Closing date 5/17/16  
Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

**Southern Ute Tribal Ranger**

Closing date 5/17/16  
Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

**Certified Pharmacy Technician**

Closing date 5/18/16  
Works under the supervision of a pharmacist and provides technical support of the pharmacy department at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

**Coordinator of Ute Curriculum**

Closing date 5/19/16  
Design and development of the Ute curriculum, taught to students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Working with the Assistant Teachers of Ute Language, along with the parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and education. Assists students in reaching the goals and objectives of the SUIMA. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction.

**Detention Sergeant**

Closing date 5/18/16  
Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

**Lower Elementary Teacher**

Closing date 5/19/16  
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

**Primary Teacher**

Closing date 5/19/16  
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

**Home Health Care Aide (Full-time)**

Closing date 5/20/16  
Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. The HHC Aide provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

**Southern Ute Tribal Member Only**

**MIS – Administrative Assistant MIS**

Closing date 5/19/16  
Under general supervision of the MIS Department Director, provides secretarial and administrative support for the Department of Management Information Systems. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

**Construction Services Repairman**

Closing date 5/23/16  
Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal

**MIS Help Desk Coordinator**

Closing date 5/20/16  
Oversees Technical Service Desk Support for all workstations, software, printers, mobility devices, technology account information and Local Area Networks access to all internal and external Southern Ute Tribal customers. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

**Teacher (Infant/Toddler)**

Closing date 5/25/16  
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

**MIS Director**

Closing date 6/3/16  
Under administrative direction of Executive Officer, overall supervision of the Management Information Systems and its programs for the Southern Ute Tribe.

**After School Guide (Part-time)**

Closing date 6/9/16  
Regular part-time, provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

**Dentist**

Open until Filled  
Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

**Dental Assistant**

Open Until Filled  
Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

**Family Practice Physician**

Open until filled  
Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

**Public Health Nurse**

Open until filled  
Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour

**TERO Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Aide (Temporary)**

Open until filled  
Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Positions (76 days) are for members of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

**Teacher Trainee-TERO Intern**

Open until filled  
Under the direction of the Southern Ute Department Education Teachers, the Teacher trainee/Program Aide will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students attending the Ignacio Public Schools. This position will provide the TERO employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Temporary position, not to exceed 6 months or 24 hours per week. Starting pay, \$12.09/hour.

**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**

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**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2016-0053-CV-NC**

**Lloyd James Lucero Jr., Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Lloyd James Lucero Jr. has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Yesenia Nataliya Briceno. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than June 10th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M..If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 28th day of April, 2016  
By The Court, Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk**

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SUPD

Seat belt enforcement effort

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

From May 23 to June 5, 2016, the Southern Ute Police Department will participate in the national Click It or Ticket campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use. This enforcement period comes ahead of the Memorial Day holiday, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

According to research conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, while 88.5 percent of passenger vehicle occupants buckled up in 2015, almost 50 percent of occupants of fatal crashes nationwide are not restrained. In some states, the rate is as high as 70 percent unrestrained in

fatal crashes. This fact gravely highlights the need for increased enforcement and awareness of seat belt use.

“As law enforcement, we have a special role in helping protect the safety of our citizens, within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation,” said Lt. Juan Martinez “Time after time, we see the deadly results that come from drivers and passengers refusing to wear a seat belt. Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important steps in increasing survivability in a crash. Our job is to stop those who are not buckled up, and to keep them from repeating this potentially deadly mistake.”

In 2014, nearly half of the 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were unrestrained, according to NHTSA. During the night time hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., that number increased to 57 percent of those killed. Law enforcement agencies including the Southern Ute Police Department will write citations day and night, with a zero-tolerance approach.

“Hundreds of thousands of citizens will be traveling this Memorial Day weekend, as well as throughout the summer vacation season. We want to make sure that people are buckling up to keep themselves and their families safe. It is the greatest defense in a vehicle crash,” said Lt. Juan Martinez.

For more information on the Click It or Ticket campaign, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).

BOBCATS OVERPOWER BEARS • FROM PAGE 12



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen with parents and team personnel on Senior Day after defeating 3A Pagosa Springs 14-5, Ignacio Baseball's seven-player senior class will be leading the Bobcat varsity into a highly-anticipated postseason starting Friday, May 13, at the 2A-District 2 Tournament to be held in Cortez. Kneeling, from left: INF Anthony Manzanares, 'DT' Meshew (a JV standout this spring), OF Joe Herrera, 1B Andrew Martinez, OF/P Austin McCaw, INF/P Tucker Ward and INF/OF Chance Hine. (Senior managers Miriam Fernandez-Lopez and Lillianna Romero are standing, respectively, at far left.)

tational back in March – and 0-9 in the loop.

Today, the Bobcats will play at 4 p.m. in Cortez ????, and tournament action continues tomorrow with the semifinals and championship. Featuring No. 1-ranked (CHSAANow.com poll, 5/2)

Paonia and No. 5 Hotchkiss along with IHS, District 2 will definitely be one of the classification's most difficult.

But though each district qualifies only one team directly to the May 20-21 regionals, eight additional teams will be determined

for that phase of spring by CHSAA's RPI system. As of Monday Ignacio stood 17th in that computer model, 0.025 behind Littleton Front Range Christian.

All 16 squads will then be seeded into the bracket by RPI, avoiding district match-ups when/if possible.

Child safety: A priority



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Police Department visited the Boys And Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, May 4 to give a safety presentation on the threats strangers pose to children. Community Resource Officer, Don Folsom reenacts what a stranger may say to try and lure a child to come with him or her.

LADY CATS TAKE 11TH • FROM PAGE 12

4'7" won the SJBL's) – and Monroe a sole third in the pole vault (7'1"), trailing 3A Bayfield junior Maddi Foutz (8'7") and senior Katie Hawkins (9'1"), while IHS teammates Chrystianne Valdez and Rachel Cooper were unable to clear the minimum.

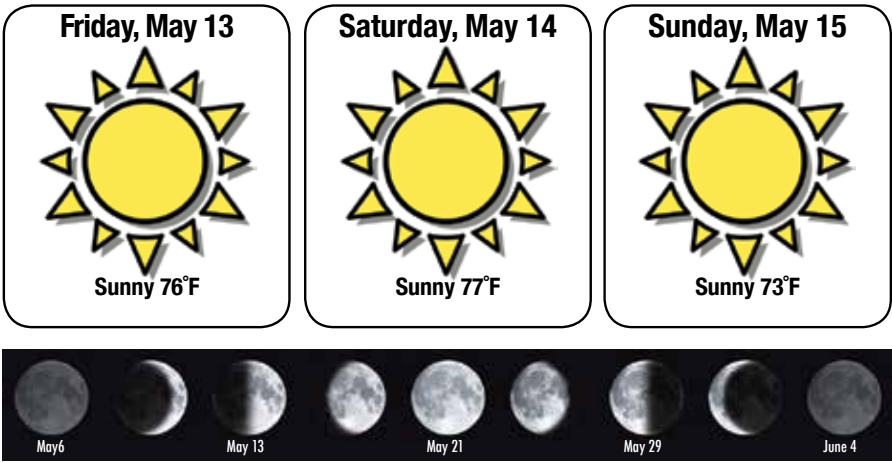
Lady Cat freshman Kiara Valdez cleared 4'3" in the high jump but required more attempts to do so than Dolores' Shavargus Noyes with sixth place at stake. First place went to AHS' Mary Streeter, who cleared 4'7" and beat BHS' Sky Vagneur by two inches.

No relays were entered for Ignacio, but thrower Alana Watts scored with her sixth-place chuck of the discus. It flew 91 feet, eight inches – well behind Sangre senior Jenna McKinley's winning 136'6", but less than three feet behind 2A Center's Carmen Ruggles (94'1") for top-five status.

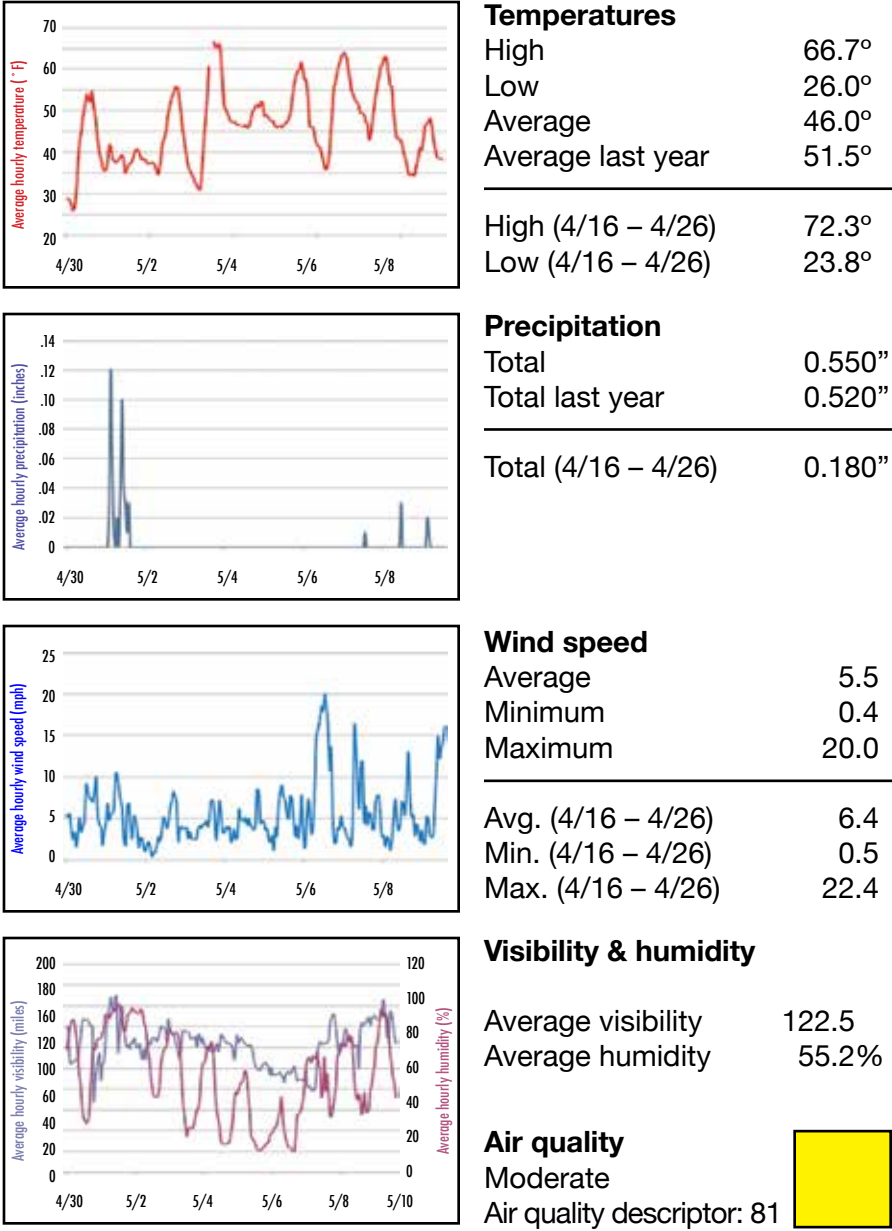
IHS' Rosaleigh Concepcion was 16th (73'11") in the specialty and, hardly 12 hours removed from playing in Lady Bobcat Soccer's season-finale, freshman Briana Duran took 27th (55'3"). She'd finish 23rd in the shot put (21'2") while Watts came in seventh (26'8.25"). Cooper recorded another top-15 for Ignacio by taking 12th in the 300-meter hurdles in one minute, 7.03 seconds.

Next for Ignacio will be the Monte Vista Last Chance on Saturday, May 14 (9 a.m. start), out in the San Luis Valley, with all athletes either looking to achieve a qualifying mark or improve their qualified status for the May 19-21 State Championships up at Jeffco Stadium.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER



Weather data for April 30 – May 9



Redd wins District, on to State



courtesy NACA

Tribal member, Albert Redd III attends the Native American Community Academy in Albuquerque, N.M., but plays golf for a much larger, class 6A, school in the area – West Mesa High School. On Wednesday, April 27 he shot a 76 at Ladera Golf Course winning the District 5-6A individual championship title. Redd advanced to play in the State tournament on May 9-10, where he finished in the Top 25.

Youth baseball in full swing



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Youth Baseball League season is in full swing as teams compete in Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango. The official first day of the season took place Saturday, May 7 at the Ignacio Town baseball field, with 'Opening Day' ceremonies. Ignacio teams took to the field as they played throughout the day. Ignacio Angels' Angelo Frost (left) tags third and heads for home during play against Bayfield on Saturday, May 7.